

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Director for Administration

From: Assistant Executive Secretary, Scientific and  
Technical Intelligence Committee

Subject: Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

1. An elderly neighbor died last night while I vainly applied CPR until the Rescue Unit arrived. Although a half dozen friends stood by as she went into cardiac arrest, none had the basic life-saving skills with which to help her. I was pulled-in off the street by her grandson and did what I could, but it was too late. Perhaps if someone had initiated CPR 5 minutes earlier, the woman could have been saved.

2. If an employee of this agency ever has to face a situation like this, his or her CPR training could make all the difference. I strongly encourage the agency to consider offering CPR training to all of its employees on a voluntary basis, during non-duty hours. I imagine that being in the position to save the life of a loved one but not knowing how to do it, is a terrible feeling to live with.

Very respectfully,



Lieutenant Commander U.S. Navy

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